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## KISSINGER TO ALLON U.S. to work with Israel in UN meet

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday welcomed Foreign Minister Yigal Allon to Washington confidently predicting that the U.S. and Israel will successfully coordinate their positions on next Monday's Security Council debate.

In a statement at National airport, Kissinger said of the talks with Allon, "I know that they will be conducted in a very friendly atmosphere and we will achieve a common position."

Allon, calling Kissinger "a friend of my country," responded to the Secretary's optimistic statement by saying that one of his (Allon's) weaknesses is his well-known guarded optimism. "If Dr. Kissinger thinks this is possible, I am becoming even more optimistic, and I will try to cash in on it."

Allon said that the Council debate will be a "vital one" but he defended his decision to boycott the meeting, which the PLO will attend, by explaining that Israel's participation might add "moral dimension to the debate," and Israel does not want to do this either directly or indirectly.

But the Foreign Minister did not rule out Israeli participation during other UN debates. "We shall not participate in the forthcoming debate, but we preserve our right to participate in any other meetings," he said. "We are not boycotting the Security Council, because that would be unwise. We are not going to quit the UN and its specialized agencies."

Asked whether he would discuss Israel's plans for additional Golan settlements, Allon replied that it was not on his agenda, but he would state Israel's position if the Secretary raised the issue. Kissinger jokingly added, "We have to ration our discussions, because the Prime Minister is coming in a few weeks."

Allon, who flew to Washington from New York where he met with UN Ambassador Haim Herzog, will also attempt to win a firm pledge from Washington that it will oppose any effort by the Soviet Union and the Arab states to move Middle East negotiations from the Geneva peace conference to the Security Council, where Israel fears an imposed super-power settlement may be attempted. The United States, according to diplomatic sources here, has already indicated to Israel that it agrees with this Israeli position.

But Washington and Jerusalem are not yet in full agreement regarding potential modifications of the relevant Council resolutions, either by passage of new amendments or of a totally separate resolution. The Administration's assurances to Israel so far have been vague, open to various interpretations.

Thus, for example, the State Department announced on Monday that it will veto any new Council resolution "that is not helpful to the process of peace in the Middle East." It added that resolutions 242 and 338 are "the only basis for peace negotiations."

But the Department has refused to rule out the possibility that a new resolution at the Council, or an amendment, couched in "moderate" language, might be judged to be consistent with peace.

Israeli sources here, in response to questions regarding the Department's latest statement, said that the U.S. has not yet provided Israel any hard and binding commitment regarding the use of the veto, other than the pledge contained in the September 1 U.S.-Israeli memorandum of agreement attached to the Sinai accord.

That article stated: "The United States will oppose and, if necessary, vote against any initiative in the Security Council (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

## Fierce battles said raging in Angola

The war in Angola yesterday appeared to be raging furiously, with reports of fierce fighting between forces backed by the Soviet Union and the West.

The Soviet-supported Popular Front for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), which holds a belt of territory reaching east from the Atlantic coast, said it was advancing on all battlefronts — north, south, east and central.

But a report from Moscow said South African troops and mercenaries had launched a major thrust against the strategic town of Malange, 400 kms. east of the MPLA-held capital of Luanda.

## South African brigadier, 5 others killed

JOHANNESBURG. — A South African brigadier and five more men have been killed in the so-called "Border Operational Area" bordering South West Africa and southern Angola, Defence Headquarters said in Pretoria yesterday.

In separate announcements, Defence Headquarters reported the brigadier, two captains and a sergeant died in the crash of a light aircraft. A second announcement said a second lieutenant and a private died from wounds "sustained in action in the Operational Area."

The missing aircraft was also reported to have crashed in the Operational Area, which is the fighting zone on the South West African-southern Angolan border that the South Africans have so far declined to define in extent.

Observers reckon it extends far beyond South Africa's admitted foothold into southern Angola, guarding the Caluque hydroelectric dam project some 24 kms. over the frontier.



The two rivals, Yosef Almogi, left, and Arye Dulzin, waiting patiently at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'oma on Monday night as the Zionist General Council court sat to decide on the elections for chairman of the Zionist Executive.

## Almogi chosen over Dulzin as Zionist Executive head

By JUDY NIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Almogi was elected chairman of the Zionist Executive last night by the Zionist General Council. The vote was 67-42.

Ending the somewhat stormy contest for the chairmanship, Almogi and his competitor, Arye Dulzin, embraced and shook hands, declaring their warm friendship and expressing their resolve to work together for the benefit of the Zionist movement.

The anti-climatic result, conceded privately even by some Dulzin supporters throughout the day, was announced by Council chairman Yitzhak Navon before the full auditorium in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'oma.

Navon good-naturedly told Dulzin, "You can even lose an election and still keep an interest in life, and I know that from experience." Navon noted that the election — the first contest for the Zionist Executive chairmanship since Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion competed for the post 30 years ago — had not created a rift in the movement. "On the contrary, it increased the parties' solidarity and the public's interest," he said.

He praised Dulzin for "being a gentleman" and for "your untiring dedication which will give you strength in the Jewish world." Turning to Almogi, he called attention to his "fine organizational ability and zeal for hard work," qualities he would need in his new post.

Dulzin, smiling and apparently relaxed, congratulated the victor. He announced that at the next meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive, he would resign as Acting Chairman of the Executive.

Almogi, visibly moved, pledged to devote all to foster the Zionist cause, to Jewish unity, and to the great deeds of the Jews. "We here represent fourteen and half million Jews," he added. He also congratulated his rival on his excellent showing in the secret vote, and promised to intensify the cooperation that had always existed between them.

Dulzin's resignation from the Agency post will leave the field open for Almogi to be elected in his stead, rather than splitting the two jobs between two men. However, Dulzin may run against Almogi for the Zionist Executive Chairmanship at the Zionist Congress at the end of the year.

The election was held eight hours after a three-man court resolved a disagreement about whether it should have taken place last night at all.

The court, composed of Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, Justice Ya'acov Yinnon and Dr. David Martin, ruled that "it is impossible to postpone the session of the Zionist General Council during which the election of a Zionist Executive chairman is scheduled, either by a simple majority or by any other majority."

The possibility of postponing the election for six months was raised by the General Zionist supporters of Dulzin. They argued that the WZO constitution does not require the Council to adjourn, and that the election of a new chairman, to fill a seat vacant between Zionist Congresses, could take place even months after the Council began.

Almogi supporters, who also presented their case before the judges, said that a postponement would be a perversion of the spirit of the WZO's constitution.

In their four-page judgment, the court explained that the intention of the constitution was to minimize the period of time when the organization would be headed by an acting chairman, and not to lengthen it.

Dulzin told the Council after the ruling was handed down that he denied "rumor and tales" that he had asked for a ruling as a mere delaying tactic.

He noted that his supporters could have asked for a court ruling immediately before the scheduled ballot last night, causing "consternation and confusion." Instead, they made the request days before the vote. The disappointed candidate said that he was "very happy" that the issue was resolved in accordance with the regulations of the WZO constitution.

## Government comes under fire in Knesset over Timna policy

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Charges of faint-heartedness and vacillation rang through the Knesset yesterday following the Government's statement explaining its on-again, off-again decision on the closure of Timna Copper Mines, a state-owned enterprise that has been losing approximately IL70m. a year.

In the statement, delivered by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Development Haim Bar-Lev, the House was told that world copper prices had plummeted from \$1.377 per ton in April 1974, to \$0.512 per ton in January 1975. As a result, Timna's board of directors concluded last year that continued operations on economic grounds. However, the Ministerial Economic Committee refused to concur, and operations continued.

Since copper market experts see no improvement in prices in the coming five years, it has now been decided to suspend operations. "At the same time," added Mr. Bar-Lev, "we are obligated to expand the industrial potential of Eilat (which is suffering because of the Timna closure)."

Mr. Bar-Lev said a decision has already been made to establish an electric cable factory in the town, which would provide jobs for about 50 skilled workers. Another idea — suggested by Israel Aviation Industries — is for a metalworking plant that would employ 250 trained workers. Two more industrial plants are foreseen: one, for processing of palm oil and the other, for manufacture of cooking salt. Each plant would employ 40 workers.

"I do not want to give the impression that prompt solutions to the employment problem of all Timna workers are at hand," said Bar-Lev.

In the heated and occasionally vitriolic debate that followed, Members of Knesset made the following observations:

• Yitzhak Moda'i, Likud: "The midnight announcement by the Ministerial Economic Committee on the 'immediate' shutdown of Timna — and its reversal two days later by Mr. Bar-Lev — was the pinnacle of irresolution... what a shameful spectacle! Instead of being well-known to Eilat a Cabinet Minister had to sneak into town aboard a military aircraft, with the secretary-general of the Histadrut at his side to guard him from enraged workers. And what was the upshot of his visit? A complete turnaround, and a pledge that the closure of the mines would be delayed. As far as my knowledge of Hebrew is concerned, there is only one meaning to the word 'immediately' which was used in the announcement by the Economic Ministers' Committee on Sunday night."

Mr. Moda'i concluded with a verse from Isaiah, "Wake up O Jerusalem, for thou hast not any leaders."

• Yehuda Yudin, Alignment: "I am not prepared to dig a grave for Timna. Copper is not a fashion item, like women's jackets. The demand for this metal is bound to resume, so we must not allow the Timna workers to disperse. I am certain that rational negotiations with the workers' staff committees would result in their cooperation in limiting production and, consequently, limiting the losses."

• Yigal Horowitz, Likud: "The talk of 800 workers becoming jobless is an understatement, since the overwhelming majority of their wives also hold jobs in the Eilat area... the alternative solutions offered by Mr. Bar-Lev, setting up new industries, will cost the economy even more than the impending deficits for Timna. An investment of approximately a million pounds per (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

## Britain rushes troops to Ulster after 16 murdered in 24 hours

LONDON. — Britain last night rushed more troops to the turbulent Northern Ireland border county of South Armagh where 10 Protestant workmen were murdered by Republican gunmen on Monday night.

The decision to dispatch the extra troops — 60 men of the "spearhead" battalion kept in readiness for emergency movement — was taken by Prime Minister Harold Wilson in an 80-minute meeting with his military and political advisers in Downing Street last night. There are already 14,600 British soldiers in Northern Ireland.

The first units of the battalion were flown to the British province from its base in Britain and the rest were going by sea.

The Downing Street security conference was attended by Defence Secretary Roy Mason, Chief of the Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, Foreign Office Minister David Ennals and Northern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees.

Rees had been summoned urgently back to London from Belfast yesterday by Wilson to report on the Northern Ireland situation and gravity Protestant population for tougher military action against the Provisional Irish Republican Army and warnings that unless the sectarian killings by the Catholic Republicans and the extremist Protestant paramilitary organization were halted the province could slide into civil war.

The IRA last February announced a truce in its fight to drive the British out of Northern Ireland but this has become meaningless in recent months as it continued attacks on security forces, claiming it was retaliation for harassment of Catholic areas.

The reinforcements will double the number of British troops in South Armagh. But Rees has said that 10 battalions could not prevent killings in the area, an excellent base of operations for guerrillas, unless the local people cooperate with the soldiers.

There have been repeated demands from political leaders of Northern Ireland's two-third majority Protestant population for tougher military action against the Provisional Irish Republican Army and warnings that unless the sectarian killings by the Catholic Republicans and the extremist Protestant paramilitary organization were halted the province could slide into civil war.

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## Better war than 3rd state—Dayan

It would be preferable to go to war rather than see another state created for Palestinians between Israel and Jordan, with Israel withdrawing to behind the Green Line, former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said last night.

Such a withdrawal, explained Dayan on Israel Television's Moked programme, would not only fail to ensure peace, but would increase the risks of war — with Israel placed in more difficult conditions. No negotiations on a third state should be held, with the PLO or with anyone else, he emphasized.

The three Arab states directly involved in the conflict with Israel are not prepared for peace at present, Dayan asserted.

## Europe storm toll now 79

STOCKHOLM. — The winter's second worst storm blew itself over the Baltic Sea yesterday and passed over Soviet Latvia like a gentle lamb while leaving much of Scandinavia digging out from its previous hurricane.

An estimated 79 persons were killed in three days of almost non-stop storms over Britain, continental Europe and Scandinavia. Naval search and rescue officials said they believed 26 of the dead were sailors who drowned in the North Sea.

## Italian baby kidnapped, torn from mother's arms

NAPLES. — Italy's first kidnapping of the new year is a 16-month-old baby, torn from its mother's arms and held for a huge ransom.

Three masked gunmen seized the boy on Monday night at San Sebastiano near here, thrusting a note into the terrified father's hands. It said: "prepare 600 million lire (\$420,000) or else."

Police at first thought the kidnapping was a vendetta since the child's father, Antonio Guida, is a steel company employee and not rich. But it was later learned that one of Guida's grandfathers is a wealthy landowner and police said they were convinced the motive was extortion.

Baby Vincenzo was taken when the gunman, driving a powerful saloon, forced Guida's car to a halt and pulled open a door.

There were 61 kidnappings in Italy last year, one almost every six days. Kidnappers have even snatched mynah birds, reels of film and corpses.

## Gunmen still roaming in Beirut as political talks deadlocked

Beirut radio last night said that all roads in the Lebanese capital were hazardous because of the return of rival armed elements to the streets of the city, where it was learned that mounting tension would kindle the sectarian strife in Lebanon.

Foreign correspondents said that rival gunmen were crouching within metres of government security troops who under last week's truce were supposed to shoot at men violating an order to withdraw from the entire city. The troops however made little attempt to carry out the order.

Tension rose when fighting erupted in Beirut's eastern suburbs between Moslems and Christian militias, as the latter rejected an ultimatum by the Palestine Liberation Organization for lifting a blockade on food supplies to the nearby Palestinian refugee camp, Tel El-Za'atar, a shabby suburb housing some 50,000 inhabitants.

The Christians had demanded that the camp-bound convoys be searched for weapons by government security forces. They also demanded that PLO elements disguised as Moslem forces be flushed out from Christian-owned premises in the district.

Interior Minister Camille Chamoun, himself a Christian, said that he hoped the blockade problem of Tel El-Za'atar would be settled by late last night. Chamoun indicated that he differed with Moslem Premier Rashid Karami over dispatching troops to break the blockade.

Chamoun implied that he supported Christian demands for searching convoys heading for Tel El-Za'atar, which is known as one of the PLO's major strongholds in the vicinity of Beirut.

Amin Jemayyel, son of the Christian Phalangist party chief Pierre Jemayyel, yesterday charged that the PLO sought to isolate Christian districts. He hinted that the PLO was collaborating with leftist forces in preparing a new offensive against the Christians, who now hold the key authority in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, government efforts to formulate a Christian-Moslem reconciliation accord aimed at introducing moderate constitutional reforms appeared to have reached a total deadlock. The government was confronted by leftist demands for radical changes in the Lebanese system, on the one hand, and Christian threats to partition the country.

The Lebanese Parliament is to hold an extraordinary session tomorrow to debate the situation. It was expected to put off next April's national election, reportedly out of fear that a government "vacuum" might surface in view of current circumstances.

The Lebanese government yesterday pledged to devote itself to containing the deteriorating situation, aggravated by intermittent fighting and waves of kidnappings.

Beirut reports said that an Italian embassy official, Jean-Pierre Corsini, was among scores of persons who were kidnapped in the past two days at "flying" roadblocks set up by rival militias.

Another Italian, Franco Strozzi, a captain in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, was wounded yesterday near Tyre while driving south for duty at the Ras Nakoura frontier post with Israel. Captain Strozzi was shot by unidentified men believed to belong either to the PLO or the leftists which now control the southern port cities of Sidon and Tyre.

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	68	5-10	4-10
Colan	68	5-9	4-10
Nahariya	48	10-16	8-18
Safed	56	1-6	0-7
Haifa Port	46	12-18	10-18
Tiberias	51	1-17	7-19
Nazareth	43	6-9	5-11
Afula	45	9-12	6-15
Shomron	58	12-16	10-18
Tel Aviv	74	12-16	10-18
B.G. Airport	53	10-16	7-20
Jericho	38	13-19	11-21
Gaza	53	13-16	10-18
Beerseba	44	9-14	7-18
Eilat	36	17-18	15-20
Tiran Straits	38	25-30	23-28

## Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with the Mayor of Sydney, Leo Port.

The mayor later called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Argentine Ambassador Jorge Casal yesterday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the occasion of the completion of his tour of duty.

The Israel-France Friendship Association, Jerusalem, Maison de France invites the public to a lecture by Emeritus Distinguished S.O.F.R.E.S. on "French Public Opinion and the Middle East Conflict" under the patronage of Walter Eytan, to take place on Thursday, January 8, 1976, at the Hebrew University. A bus will be provided from the parking area of the Supersol, Rehov Agron, at 8 p.m. Return transport will also be provided.

Ya'acov Aviad (Wolfsberg), former Consul-General of Israel in Los Angeles, will speak on "The West Coast, a New Power Centre in the U.S." at today's weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, one o'clock, at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at one o'clock today at the Shulamit Hotel.

The first meeting of the Drama Workshop at the new Meadon La'Oleh, Beit Hamin, 30 Weizmann Street, Tel Aviv, will take place tonight at 8. All are welcome.

**BIRTH**  
ZIV. — To Lea and Rami Ziv, a son, grandson to Paul Silberstein.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
A shloshim memorial meeting took place yesterday at the graveside of Beba Weissman in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery, with relatives, friends, and members of Moetzet Hapahalot attending. Memorial meetings will also be held at the Ohel Theatre in Tel Aviv on Sunday, and at Moetzet Hapahalot branches all over the country.

## ARRIVALS

Lord Janner of Leicester, president of the British Zionist Federation, accompanied by Lady Janner, Abe Kramer, Deputy Chairman of the British Zionist Federation, and Mrs. Kramer; Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency in the U.S.; Sidney L. Shipton, General Secretary of the Zionist Federation; Jacob Halevi, European Chairman of Shalom Shavit; Carmel Weber, President, Federation of Women Zionists of G.E.; to attend the Actions Committee meetings of the World Zionist Organization.

Meyer F. Stenglass, national director of public relations, Israel Bonds, in conjunction with the forthcoming 1976 Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference, Paul R. Ignatius, President of the American Air Transport Association, and Mrs. Ignatius, for a five-day visit.

## DEPARTURES

Kurt Soderstrom, Swedish MP, for Stockholm, after a two-week visit, Aya Dinstein, Chairman, World Wiso Executive, to Canada, where she will be guest of honour at the 25th biennial convention of the Adassah-Wiso Organization.

With deep sorrow we announce the death on January 5, 1976, of

## JOSEPH SZMUSZ

of Johannesburg, South Africa; originally from Bialystok, who will find eternal peace on the soil of Israel.

The burial will take place at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, on Thursday, January 8, 1976, at 3 p.m.

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(of Johannesburg)

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, January 7, 1976 at 3 p.m. at the Savoyon Cemetery.

The bereaved family  
Judith and Zvi Garmha

## Work to start soon on Eilat's new airport

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Work on Eilat's new airport will start soon, now that the Cabinet Economic Committee has approved the project.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said this in the Knesset at question time yesterday, replying to Eliezer Avtavi (NRP). The site is seven miles north of Eilat, at Eilat Evrona.

He said that when Arkia begins flying jets to Eilat, in 1978, flights will become cheaper.

It will cost some IL70m-IL80m at present prices to build Eilat's new airport, he said, and the work will take three years.

The Frankfurt Airports Author-

ity will submit detailed construction plans for the terminal next month, he said.

## EGGED WEALTH

Ya'acobi told Amos Hadar (Alignment) that the members of the Egged bus cooperation hold direct or indirect ownership in 35 firms or partnerships of a wide variety, including land, buildings, hotels, securities, and car rentals. He said the public committee established to study this matter had recommended that Egged members sell all these holdings and use the money to set the cooperative's financial affairs in order.

## Kargman: Old-age pensions won't be cut or changed

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
The chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, Yisrael Kargman, told the Knesset yesterday that his committee will see to it that the allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute to the old will not be reduced or changed.

Kargman referred to an article in yesterday's Jerusalem Post by Dr. A. Bergman and to letters written to him by members of the public, complaining about the intention of the tax authorities to ask the National Insurance Institute to deduct tax on old-age pensions at source.

According to the tax reform, all allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute are taxable. Some weeks ago the tax authorities ordered the institute to deduct at source the required tax of about 18 per cent. The National Insurance Institute refused, arguing that it is not the institute's duty to deduct taxes.

"If Internal Revenue wants the tax, it can go and collect it itself," said one official.

Treasury sources said yesterday that the problem will be worked out by the Ministers of Finance and Labour.

## TV barred from Knesset's bottom peaking at

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
"No television!" This was decided in the Knesset House Committee yesterday, which barred TV cameramen from the bottom floor of the House, where the committees have their rooms.

Most members of the House Committee complained that the cameras waiting in ambush to catch people coming out of various sessions disturbed their parliamentary work.

Avraham Katz put his finger on the painful part of the problem, when he said that in the past the Knesset Speaker had allowed the TV down to interview members of some committees more often than others.

Katz said that only two fair systems could exist. Either the TV could come down freely and interview anyone they wanted outside the committee rooms, without having to ask the Speaker's permission, or it should be barred entirely.

Of these two alternatives, the House Committee decided that the safest was "Television — yoki!"

## Social Democrat faction applies for recognition

Jerusalem Post Knesset Staff  
"Social Democracy" will come to Israel for the first time if two Knesset members get their way.

Arye Ellav and Marcia Friedman, who at present wear the Ya'ad tag, have asked the Knesset House Committee to recognize them as a two-man Social Democratic faction instead. They have parted ways from the head of Ya'ad, Shulamit Aloni, and her No. 2 MK, Boaz Mevor.

The House Committee will not discuss the request to recognize Ellav's faction till next week, by which time Aloni says she will apply to have Ellav's bid thwarted.

Meanwhile she has asked Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu to see that Ellav does not get any party financing money (paid by the state to parties on the basis of their Knesset representation), since he did not receive such allocations when he split off from the Alignment.

## Journalists to decide on 'Nikui Rosh' protest

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Journalists Association meets this morning to consider a demand by Israel Television workers to darken the TV screen for 40 minutes tomorrow to protest what they call "arbitrary and irresponsible action" by Yitzhak Livni, Director-General of the Broadcasting Authority, in cancelling the popular satirical programme "Nikui Rosh" last Thursday.

Livni based his action on a pledge he had given the State Attorney that no reference would be made in the programme to the Siboni brothers of Mevaseret Yerushalayim, near Jerusalem, accused of using strong-arm tactics to acquire property in the settlement. The case is now pending before the courts, and the issue is therefore sub judice.

A month ago Shlomo Surkis, the lawyer of Eli and Albert Siboni, obtained an interim injunction from the High Court of Justice barring a skit about violence, scheduled to be shown on "Nikui Rosh," on the grounds that it contained innuendoes against his clients.

At the time, Attorney-General Aharon Barak reportedly admitted that the skit, in his opinion, did not constitute a clear-cut case of sub judice. But Livni cancelled it nevertheless.

The revised programme — scheduled for last week — contained about two-thirds new material, with the other part apparently cleared by the State Attorney, Gavriel Bark.

Ari Avner, spokesman for the Broadcasting Authority, last night gave The Jerusalem Post the following account of the second cancellation. On Sunday, December 23, Livni, in his capacity as chief editor of all material to be broadcast or telecast, was shown a draft script of the programme.

He said it could go on if three items, which appeared to be related to the Siboni affair, were removed. On Thursday, Livni had another look at the programme lineup, and found that two of the three items were still there. Since these could not be excised without spoiling the entire programme, Livni cancelled the programme.

Mordechai Kirschenbaum, producer of the programme, said yesterday that he did not recall being told by Livni to remove any of the material in the new show.

In an interview published in "The New York Times" on December 25, Kirschenbaum is quoted as saying, "We are completely free to puncture any balloons we like. At times it amazes me, but we have no censorship and no controls placed on us. It proves that, despite the wars, this is a nation that can still laugh at itself."

## Tiberias town councillor keeps promise and resigns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Town Councillor Amnon Moyal relinquished his council seat to his colleague, Ya'acov Shitrit, this week, after two years' service. The two headed the faction of North African settlers here, and had agreed to take turns. Moyal, who was a gardener at the Municipality, resumes his job. He made a name for himself for courageous work for the Jewish National Fund on the border, often at risk to his life during periods of shooting.



Soldiers of the Golani Brigade, which yesterday completed its winter manoeuvres.

## Employers want to replace wage maze with single figure

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Employers in the private sector yesterday rejected a Histadrut proposal that workers share their profits. But the parties agreed on equal pay for men and women doing the same work.

These matters were raised here in the negotiations over a new labour agreement for production workers between the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations and the Histadrut.

Yesterday's meeting was made possible by a compromise between the private employers, who had insisted on knowing what the wage scale will be for workers in the services before negotiating on wages for production workers, and the Histadrut, which had refused to discuss the matter with them. The employers were satisfied yesterday with a statement by Uri Abrahamovitch, head of the Histadrut negotiating team, who declared that the labour federation "intends to give production workers advantages (over service employees) in wages and social benefits."

At yesterday's meeting the broad outlines for calculating the minimum and maximum wage increases were discussed. Four advisory subcommittees were established. They will deal with the minimum wage, the extension to production work-

ers of the more favourable social benefits now enjoyed in the services, the establishment of a comprehensive pension scheme for all workers, and the drawing up of joint proposals for labour legislation and regulations to be submitted to the Government.

The employers proposed that the following two factors determine the minimum amount of the increase: ● A rise in minimum wages. Rates for beginners (in the textile and food industries, for example) are now close to the official minimum. Thus, the increase of the minimum wage would force employers to hike the pay all along the scale.

● Under the present system a worker receives basic pay, cost-of-living allowance, and other allowances. The new agreement would replace that maze with one comprehensive figure for each grade. The new figure will be rounded upwards.

The maximum wage increase should be based on the increase in productivity, the employers said. It should be determined by the extent to which productivity in the economy increased, minus pay raises already given. (The C-o-L allowance, however, will not be reckoned as a pay increase, because it is compensation for the rise in prices).

The last collective agreements were concluded in 1972/73. The parties yesterday did not discuss the period for which productivity should be reckoned in calculating the maximum wage increases. (In 1973 productivity rose by 6.7 per cent over 1972, and in 1974 it rose by 4 per cent over 1973. But from January to September 1975 productivity declined by 2 per cent, as

compared with the previous year.) The exact wage increase will be determined in negotiations in each branch and enterprise within the framework of the agreement.

The Histadrut claimed that while the average wage in the economy has increased over the last few years, the minimum wage has not. They said that the minimum wage should be increased to IL7,000 a month. The employers countered that the average wage has not risen in the last three years.

The parties therefore decided to set up a committee to examine the matter. The problem is that there is data for minimum wages, but not for average wage. There are also figures on average income, but not on the minimum income. ("Income" includes pay for overtime, premiums, and travel expenses.) A Manufacturers Association source said that comparing wages with incomes is "like comparing a missile and a mule." A Histadrut source said that the committee set up to examine the issue will try to reckon what the average wage is.

The parties will meet again on Friday morning.

## Voschina warns workers' demands could backfire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Histadrut trade union leader Yehoshua Voschina told the Labour Council here last night that the Government budget contained intimations of unemployment for thousands. He warned workers not to carry their wage demands too far and not to endanger the survival of the enterprise employing them. Referring to the example of the Timra copper mines, he called for labour mobility "from one enterprise to another — and not into the street."

Addressing a plenary meeting of the council, Voschina said, "This year the Histadrut will demand no overall wage increases, but will lead it to direct talks between labour representatives and employers to negotiate from the past. It may slow the talks but it is time of recession such as now, the workers should face up to economic realities and obtain whatever improvements are possible."

Council secretary Eliezer Molk said direct talks with individual enterprises in the greater Haifa area would start at once, even before talks at the national level were concluded. As for wage agreements effective from this month, there would be no talk of delaying them until April, he said.

## No more bodies found in Egypt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A report that Egypt was delaying the return to Israel of the remains of seven IDF men killed in the Yom Kippur War was denied by qualified military sources yesterday. A press report yesterday said that at the Geneva talks last September the Egyptian representative had said in the presence of UN Chief General Ensis Silasvuo that they had found the remains of the seven and would return them in the near future.

The sources said yesterday that Egypt has made it clear that they had found no additional bodies to the 144 which they returned in March 1974 and April 1975. The Egyptians also permitted Israeli teams to search for bodies in territory held by Egypt after the first disengagement agreement early in 1974.

ABOUT 40 old Syrian stoves in classrooms in Druse villages on the Golan have been replaced by new ones, and another 20 are to follow, the Ministry of Education announced. Outside temperatures often drop below zero in northern Golan in winter.

## Sylvia Marcovici, violinist, here from Rumania

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Sylvia Marcovici, considered Rumania's top violinist, arrived in Israel as an immigrant yesterday, under a veil of secrecy.

Her struggle to obtain permission to immigrate received worldwide publicity, and it had been rumoured recently that she was permitted to leave Rumania. But authorities in Israel apparently did all they could to avoid public knowledge of her arrival.

The beautiful 23-year-old musician, accompanied by her husband and a cocker spaniel, was taken to the Absorption Office at the airport, where a policeman was placed to prevent newsmen from making contact with her.

## Allon in Washington

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to alter adversely the terms of reference of the Geneva peace conference or to change resolutions 242 and 338 in ways which are incompatible with their original purpose."

But the final condition, the phrase "...in ways which are incompatible with their original purpose," is open to various interpretations. Diplomatic sources here said yesterday that Allon and Kissinger will seek to define that phrase and reach agreement. The U.S. has not yet fully explained its definition of the phrase.

Israeli sources in Washington are "hopeful" that the two sides will be able to reach agreement, although they have declined to say that they are "confident." It is clear to Israel that Washington does not want to obligate itself to Israel on the use of its veto in advance of the Allon talks.

Political observers here noted yesterday that Israel will be bound to pay a political price to the U.S. for agreeing to use its veto. The general impression here, among both American and foreign observers, is that the U.S. will be asking Israel to come up with some "new ideas" during Prime Minister Rabin's end of the month visit to Washington regarding another Israeli pullback from the Golan Heights.

According to these observers, Kissinger still believes that the Damascus regime, despite its extremist position, might eventually agree to begin talks with Israel if it is assured in advance that the withdrawal will be more than only "cosmetic."

If, for example, Israel should agree to a three or four kilometre pullback — which would involve withdrawing from the existing string of strategic hills that approach the present lines — then the Syrians might reconsider, the Secretary is said to believe.

Yesterday morning Allon met pri-

vately with Herzog for more than two hours to discuss expected developments at the Security Council. Herzog and U.S. Ambassador Daniel Moynihan have been asked to attend Allon's working luncheon with Kissinger at the State Department today which will be devoted to discussing the Camp David talks.

Following his meeting with Herzog, Allon met with the entire Israeli delegation at the UN to discuss the debate.

Allon will meet with Kissinger today and tomorrow. They are expected to discuss other bilateral issues besides the UN debate.

The Foreign Minister, who meets with the press at a luncheon in Washington on Friday at the Overseas Writers Club, returns to New York on Friday afternoon. On Saturday he attends a private luncheon, hosted by Herzog, with Moynihan. Allon will meet tomorrow morning with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and probably with Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller.

Meanwhile, American officials at the State Department, concerned over Moynihan's forthright position which is generally seen as more pro-Israel than most other Administration officials, are carefully briefing the envoy, warning him not to stray from Administration policy.

108 BRAZILIAN youths, aged 14 to 16, arrived in Israel this week for a six-week stay sponsored by the Youth Aliya and Tour Ve'aleh departments of the Jewish Agency. The programme is the beginning of a campaign to draw Diaspora youth closer to Israel and to make them aware of the possibilities for study in the educational network of Youth Aliya.

## All-stars sweep soccer benefit

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

REHOVOT. — Israel's "all-stars" soccer team defeated a combined Rehovot XI here 6-1 yesterday in a memorial match for the murdered local Maccabi player, Mordechai Kiend.

The IL22,000 proceeds from the game will be the first contribution to a special fund which Mayor Samuel Reichtman announced was being set up by the Rehovot Municipality for the Kiend family. The 3,500 spectators at the sun-drenched local Hapoel ground also heard remarks by Football Association vice-chairman Azriel Milchan, himself a local resident.

The "all-stars," who were led by former Israel captain Mordechai Spiegler, scored through Eliahu (2), Romano, Tabak, Lavie and Rezen — Spiegler's successor as skipper of the national team. Rockwell netted for the hosts, whose lineup included Mordechai's twin brother, Aharon, a member of the Rehovot Maccabi club, and several of his teammates.

Before the kick-off, Miriam Kiend, bereaved mother of the dead player, presented medals to both teams. The game, organised jointly by the Rehovot Municipality and "Yediot Aharonot" is to be an annual event.

## Car rental chief cleared of bribe, guilty of tax fraud

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday cleared the manager of the Champion car rental firm of bribery charges for lack of evidence, but fined him for evasion of purchase tax in the same case.

Mordechai Sheffer had been accused of selling two Volkswagen cars for IL25,000 each (IL7,000 below market value) to Yitzhak Rubis and Ya'acov Yisraeli, Defense Ministry officials whose word was crucial in determining which car would be rented for the army. Although Sheffer showed that the two later paid the extra IL7,000, the judge said it was unclear whether this had been agreed to in advance, or came about because the police at that point had opened an investigation.

However, the court found that the agency had sold the cars after obtaining them for only eight months. (Car rental agencies benefit from a 25 per cent reduction on purchase tax — on condition they keep and rent the cars for a full year.) Sheffer was fined IL10,000 and the agency IL15,000. (Hm)

## GAZA POLICE RESCUE SHIP

GAZA. — The police here early yesterday morning rescued all 17 crewmen of a Greek freighter which ran aground after breaking free of its moorings during Monday night's storm.

Three men were taken to hospital, where they were reported out of danger. The 4,100-ton ship, Fraxim, chartered by Zim, had arrived on Saturday with a load of cement from Nigeria. A quarter of the cargo was unloaded before the storm, and the rest will be removed to lighters when weather conditions permit. (Hm)

## TIMNA

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worker will be required for those new plants, and the cost will be even higher when you consider that as a development town the current operating costs in those industries will be subsidized by about 25 per cent.

● Eliezer Avtavi, NRP: "The fact that Mr. Bar-Lev, under pressure, changed his mind about immediate closure of the mines proved that the decision by the Ministry of Economic Committee was not a satisfactory considered one... the key to solving Eilat's problem is construction of a rail line to the north and swift construction of a new international airport."

● Yehuda Sha'ari, ILP: "The shutdown of Timna must be accepted as a fact, but an important lesson must be learned — that when a red light is flashing you must not wait until the last minute to be displaced... another lesson is that Eilat's economy must not remain dependent on outside factors such as tourism and the volatile copper market; the town needs stable industries in the manufacturing field."

● Shmuel Tamir, Likud: "Six months ago I called on the Government right here in the Knesset to act quickly to find new job opportunities for Timna's workers in face of the hovering hazard of unemployment. But, as usual, warnings were disregarded... if the attitude continues we may reach a point of no-return in our economic future."

● Amos Hadar, Alignment: "Keep Timna going until jobs can be found for all the workers."

● Jacques Amir, Alignment: "The Government's decision was heavy and irresponsible... The social ferment closure will cause poses a serious security hazard... I give credit to Mr. Bar-Lev for changing his mind about immediate cessation of operations... Monday's general strike in Eilat was only a harbinger of what can really happen there."

● Eitan Livni, Likud: "One of the worst features of this episode is the manner in which the news was given to Eilat — through the news media, without prior discussion, without consultation, without preparing them for news which to them means the end of the world."

Shlomo Weitzer adds from Eilat: "Israel's inland airlines, put on three extra flights yesterday morning, to move out tourists who had been held up by the strike the day before. Otherwise life returned to normal in the Red Sea port town."

However, the members of the Timna Mines workers committee, satisfied with Communist and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev's promise of Monday night not to close the mines immediately, went to Jerusalem yesterday to follow the Government's discussions.



## First Arab invested as head of Anglican Church

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bishop Falk Hadad was invested yesterday as the bishop of a new Anglican Diocese centred in Jerusalem. He is the first Arab to be named head of the Anglican church in this country.

In an impressive ceremony in St. George's Cathedral, Bishop Hadad took over a bishopric embracing Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. The previous Jerusalem Diocese, last headed by Archbishop George Appleton, was an archbishopric extending from Iran to Morocco. The Anglican Church hierarchy in England two years ago decided to reorganize its activities in the Middle East by the creation of five regional bishoprics. It also decided that the head of the church in Jerusalem should be a local bishop.

Since Rev. Appleton's retirement two years ago, his former duties have been handled by the Right Rev. Dr. Robert Stopford, serving as Vicar-General in Jerusalem on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Among those attending yesterday's ceremony were 100 persons, including churchmen, who had been

given special permission by the Interior Ministry to cross from Jordan via the Allenby Bridge. There were also Anglican church leaders from England and the U.S., as well as leaders of the other churches in Jerusalem. Also present were representatives from the Ministry for Religious Affairs, the Interior Ministry and Mayor Teddy Kollek. The ceremony was in English and Arabic.

Bishop Hadad's appointment is part of a growing trend towards "Arabization" of churches in the Middle East, where the senior clergy has long been European while the bulk of the parishioners were Arab. Observers noted yesterday that the accession of local clergymen to senior church posts is a worldwide trend.

Although Bishop Hadad is the first Arab to be head of the Jerusalem Anglican Diocese, he is not the first Semite to hold that position. The first Anglican bishop in Jerusalem was a converted Jew, Michael Solomon Alexander, who was ordained as Bishop Alexander in 1841. Born in Poland, he had received a yeshiva education. He died in 1845 and is buried in the Anglican cemetery on Mount Zion.



The Greek Orthodox Patriarch, Benktus I, seen upon arrival in Bethlehem yesterday for the opening of the Christmas celebrations of the eastern churches (which follow the Julian calendar). Flanking the Patriarch are Bethlehem Military Governor Shabtai Brill and Mayor Elias Freil. At the far left is Metropolitan Vassilios.

## Women's basketball

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi tonight meet CREFF of Madrid here, in the first leg of a quarter-final basketball match in the women's Ronchetti Cup competition for cup-winners. The game will take place at the Country Club at 8 p.m. The Tel Aviv Maccabi girls received a bye into the last eight of this European competition, and the Spanish team qualified for the quarter by defeating FC Lyons of France.

## Tzubari wins junior tennis tourney in UK

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi's Hagit Tzubari has made an auspicious start to her tennis career in Britain, winning the girls' under-18 singles title at last week's Northumberland junior indoor championships in Newcastle. In the final, she scored a decisive 6-0, 6-2 victory over the fancied English girl, Jill Cooper.

Hagit, who will be 16 later this month, left for England in mid-December, to succeed Paulina Peisachov Golden as the second beneficiary of a special sponsorship scheme for top Israeli girl tennis players. It is conducted by former Wimbledon and Maccabiah champion Angela Buxton, now one of Britain's top professional tennis coaches, and run in close cooperation with the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA).

Initially Hagit will receive 10 months of intensive coaching in the UK from Buxton and her as-

sociate, Jimmy Jones, a prominent authority on the educational side of the game. This will be combined with regular tournament play. In addition, Hagit is to undergo a strict schedule of physical training with Ken Walcott, who has in his charge some of England's leading athletes. If the programme proves a success, it will be extended for at least another two years.

Meanwhile, the country's four top boy players, 18-year-olds Haim Arlosoroff, Shlomo Glickstein and Ilan Sherr and 16-year-old Shai Sachov Golden are returning from six months of successful tournament competition and training in the U.S. arranged by the ILTA and supervised by Israel's former national tennis coach, Ronald Steele, an Australian now coaching in America, who gave his services on an entirely voluntary basis. Arlosoroff and Glickstein returned home last week, and their teammates will follow shortly, after taking part in one more tournament in Florida.



INTERIM SETTLEMENT. — Max, a 15-month-old mongrel dog, shares his bed with Mr. Schwartz, the black kitten snuggling up on his neck. The animals' owner, photographer Y. Barzilay, says they normally fight like cat and dog but occasionally make peace. A partial agreement, as it were.

## Technion staff's strike threat gets fund back

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Technion staff's provision fund, which became the object of a labour dispute and nearly caused a strike by the institution's 3,300 workers — was put back in operation Monday, after the administration bowed to a strike threat.

Operation of the joint fund, which makes loans to the staff, had been unilaterally suspended by the administration on grounds that it duplicated a pension scheme, under which retired employees receive monthly pension payments direct from the Technion. Both sides have taken their cases to the courts. The Labour Council regarded the suspension of the fund, before a judicial decision on its fate, as breach of the labour agreement; and the District Labour Court upheld this view.

On Sunday, the management retreated before the strike threat and ordered its representative on the fund's administration to continue in operation until the courts decide on the rights to the IL80m. accumulated since the 1950s.

## Yiddish theatre tribute to Esther Kaminska

TEL AVIV. — The Yiddish play "Mirele Effros" will be presented in 20 settlements beginning this month, to honour the memory of Esther Kaminska, "the mother of Yiddish theatre," on the fiftieth anniversary of her death.

The lead role in Ya'acov Gordon's play will be played by Ida Kaminska, Esther's daughter. After the first two performances, scheduled for January 11 and 12 in the Habimah Theatre, Tel Aviv, the cast will take to the road.

The project is sponsored by a public committee under the leadership of Golda Meir. (Itm.)

## Drucker's funds unfrozen and seized again

TEL AVIV. — A District Court judge on Monday removed the freeze on the bank account of Yigal Drucker, former spokesman for the Agriculture Ministry and Poultry Council, who has been indicted for fraud in the amount of IL150,000.

However, another District Court judge has ordered a temporary seizure of the account, which contains IL404,000, after learning that the council is about to file a civil suit against Drucker for IL435,000. Drucker's attorney, Uri Ron, had defied the freeze order, given at the request of police, and withdrawn part of the money. He was required to return it. However, on Monday, Judge Dov Levine allowed Drucker to remove the money.

Meanwhile, the attorney for the Poultry Council, Dr. Shlomo Peled, requested the court registrar, Eliahu Vinograd, to confiscate the funds, to insure the council's suit. Peled demanded that an order to return the funds be issued within a week.

He claimed there was no justification for lifting the freeze and cited a number of instances in which Drucker had allegedly overcharged the council for advertising work, or claimed fees in the names of non-existent persons. Among other claims, he said Drucker had received IL380,000 to pay for a printing job which in fact cost only IL170,000.

The confiscation order was given ex-parte. (Itm.)

LOTTO. — The winning six numbers in yesterday's Lotto draw were: 08, 12, 18, 19, 24 and 27. The additional number was 33.

AN ALUMNI association has been established for graduates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, it was announced this week.

## Mevasseret asks the Isaacsons to return

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chairman of the Mevasseret Yerushalayim Local Council has asked the Isaacson family — who emigrated in November because of alleged terror against them by the town's Siboni brothers — to return and "be our neighbours again."

Yael and Judith Isaacson, an Orthodox couple from New York, received the letter from council chairman Netanel Gabai through the World Zionist Organization's immigration division. Gabai wrote that "we are all distressed by the sad circumstances which caused you to leave Mevasseret Yerushalayim and Israel."

"Who but the residents of Me-

vasseret — most of us immigrants once ourselves who have deeply felt the pains of absorption — would identify with every immigrant who passes through the difficulties of absorption," the letter said. "We recognize that unnecessary suffering was caused." Gabai did not, however, overtly refer to the Siboni brothers or to any of the charges made by the family.

The Isaacsons charged the Sibonis with making their lives "a living hell" by sending men to vandalize their home, steal their car, uproot their trees and assault members of the family because they refused to go along with the Sibonis' demand for the Isaacsons' land.

No response to Gabai's letter has been received.

## Niuta crew blames officers for blocking settlement

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Fierce countercharges against the captain and the officers of the Israeli tanker Niuta — but above all against the Marine Officers Union for its share in the costly three-week strike of the ship in a Mississippi River port last month — came yesterday from Ratings Union Secretary Moshe Levy and the ship's bosun, Rafael Zabak. They made their statements 36 hours after their return from the U.S. by air, together with the remainder of the crew — 17 ratings and the families of two of them. The captain, Chaim Harari, and

the nine officers of the Niuta returned last week. The entire crew was recalled by the owners, Tanker Service Ltd., to face a disciplinary court. Another crew has been flown to board the ship and sail her with a load of American grain to Europe.

"I proposed to suspend the conflict and let the ship sail to Europe and have things thrashed out there. But my proposal was turned down, largely because of pressure from the Officers Union," Levy said. "All offers of a compromise and a temporary settlement were rejected. The Officers Union demanded the heads of five ratings on the ship even before our side was heard," he declared.

"The five were not fired by the captain. They were fired by the company, and that on the insistence of the Officers Union," Levy said. Only on one point did the two spokesmen agree with the officers: on the need for a public and independent inquiry into labour relations in the merchant marine.

(An aide to Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday informed Adam Chislik, secretary of the Officers Union, that the ministry would set up an inquiry commission. "We told him that only an independent commission, not one set up by the ministry, would be acceptable to us, since the commission would also have to investigate the conduct of ministry officials. He replied that only the Prime Minister could set up such a body. We have the impression that a whitewash will be attempted. If the commission is not independent, there will be trouble. We are going through with this to the end," Chislik said.)

## OUTSPOKEN

Moshe Levy, the temperamental, outspoken union secretary who was elected to his post by an overwhelming majority of the deckhands (and will probably be re-elected now), and bosun Zabak flatly denied that there had been any violence or threats of violence aboard the ship. They charged the captain with indecision, weakness, and irresponsible conduct. Before the officers left the ship, knowing that the ratings were still aboard and that a new crew was expected to take over, they switched off the generators, put the ship's refrigerators out of action, and allowed thousands of dollars worth of meat

an hour-long speech, rich in subtle references to unnamed critics. He evoked Rashi, the sage Bible commentator, to show that the inferior image of Zionists is partly their own doing. It was Rashi who explained that the spies who toured Canaan reported the people were "giants" because the spies themselves were hardly better than ants in their own eyes.

The declaration of "identification with Israel" in the Chagall Hall of the Knesset, magnificent as it was, could not replace the need for participation in the Zionist act, which means, according to Shemker, the act of settling in Israel. Or, perhaps, of only doing one's best for Israel while living abroad, but within the framework of strict discipline — the Zionist movement.

Shemker's party affiliation (Mapam) came out in his insistence that Zionism also hoped to establish "a just society." "This is not just a gimmick," Shemker said.

## EMIGRANTS RAPPEL

Arye Zimnik, chairman of the Israel Zionist Council, said emigrants from Israel should know their defection is strongly reproved. The leniency of the public toward them should cease, Zimnik felt. In the spring, he revealed, a five-day world reunion of Jewish students will take place in Jerusalem, to discuss Zionism and the Jewish future.

## AT THE WORLD ZIONIST COUNCIL

## No time for words—Matzkin

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"We have no time for words; only actions count," Rosa Matzkin, national president of Hadassah, told the World Zionist Council in Jerusalem yesterday. It was the second day of the Council's meetings.

Matzkin said that, instead of making speeches, the delegates should have split up into committees and devised plans for action. The committees are scheduled to convene today, and their recommendations are expected to be approved by the plenary tomorrow. The Council began its sessions on Sunday.

## NOT ENOUGH WOMEN

Matzkin also noted that out of the one million signatories to the "Jerusalem Programme," which constitutes the public declaration of faith of the Zionists, 340,000 were members of Hadassah — that is, women. With WIZO's 80,000 members, and the women members of the political parties, nearly 80 per cent of the Zionists are women — a fact which is not reflected in the composition of the Council, she said.

The need for Jewish education frequently crept up during the two days of debate. Sara Shapiro, chairman of Kerem Hayesod, said it was the "primary requirement."

"Where are our children going?" a religious woman from the U.S. asked desperately.

## PUSILLANIMITY

Rabbi L.I. Rabinowitz, formerly of South Africa, caused a stir when he insisted that the essence of Zionism was "to give the Land of Israel to the People of Israel" and regretted that some "pusillanimity" Israeli leaders made, light of the sanctity of Hebrew to Jews.

## ANTI-ZIONISTS

As a contributor to the budget of the Hebrew University, the Jewish Agency should be entitled to demand the removal of Prof. Israel Shahak, the organic chemistry expert who leads the anti-Zionist propagandists in Western Europe. This was the suggestion of Salomon Friedrich of the French Herut-Hazobah, who also appealed to "my comrades of Mapam" to stop printing (in "Al-Hamishmar") the contributions of Amnon Kapelink, their Arab affairs commentator. Friedrich said Kapelink's "anti-Israel" articles are avidly picked up by Israel's enemies.

These suggestions were omitted from the condensed version of his speech given to the press, and Friedrich furiously complained to Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the council.

## WHAT IS ZIONISM?

But what is Zionism, in essence? Avraham Shemker, head of the organization department, tried to answer this question in

## They came to study—and stayed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

FIFTY-THREE per cent of the 2,500 foreign students who came to Israel during the 1969/70 academic year are still here. Of those who left, about half did so during the first two years of their stay, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports. About half of the more than 1,200 students still here are sure they will settle here permanently, while another 25 per cent are fairly sure. Two-thirds of them have acquired

immigrant status. A similar proportion say that they use Hebrew as their main or even their only daily language.

Some 27 per cent of the students have completed their studies while 31 per cent dropped out of university before graduating and are pursuing other careers here. Of the 42 per cent now in their fifth year of studies, about two-thirds are still undergraduates.

The Hebrew University has the

biggest share of overseas students, 38 per cent, followed by the Technion with 24 per cent and Tel Aviv University with 19 per cent. The remainder are at the other four institutions of higher learning.

In their fifth year of studies here, almost 40 per cent of the students are still in touch with the Student Administration in the Absorption Ministry, 25 per cent receiving scholarships. Seventy-two per cent of the students work during the school year mostly at part-time jobs.

Regarding traditional religious observance, 21 per cent describe themselves as "largely" or "entirely" observant. A little over 30 per cent of the students report that, since coming to Israel, they have become less observant and 15 per cent report a heightened religiosity.

## Soviet camp head bears down on Jewish activist

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Soviet Jewish activist Lev Rotburd, who was arrested and sentenced to two years' imprisonment last summer when he attempted to leave Odessa for Moscow to meet with a group of U.S. Senators, is being persecuted in his forced labour camp.

Soviet Jewish sources here reported that he was deprived of visits from his wife and may not buy from the camp canteen. Despite the fact that he suffers from back problems, he was given a heavier work load.

According to his wife, Rotburd was sent to look for a prisoner absent from a role call — and then punished because he was late. When she noted this to the camp head, he simply accused her husband of impudence and retained the punishment.

## Two jailed for hitting policeman

TEL AVIV. — Two men from the Hatziva Quarter were convicted of attacking a policeman and sentenced to prison on Monday by the Magistrate's Court here.

Benjamin Hadad, 35, received 18 months, and Ya'acov Malachi, 41, two years, for an outbreak that occurred in June 1974. Some 200 persons were involved in a street brawl, when one of them fired a revolver. Police Sergeant David Abukasis, who lives in the neighbourhood and heard the shot, jumped through the window of his apartment into the street to try to disperse the crowd.

Although he identified himself, the two men beat him with their fists. The men denied the charge.

## Nir Grinberg ties for 4th in international chess meet

By ELIHAN SHAHAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent  
TEL AVIV. — Israel junior chess champion Nir Grinberg tied fourth in the Hallberg, Sweden, junior international chess tournament which ended on Sunday. Grinberg garnered 5½ points out of nine games, sharing his place with players from Sweden, West Germany and France.

The winner of the event was Ev-

geni Vladimirov of the Soviet Union, with 7½ points. Dragan Barlov of Yugoslavia tied for first with Vladimirov in points, but his were of

an inferior quality.

Nir Grinberg's achievement is one of the best by young Israeli players in the international arena in recent years.

In the Hastings International tournament, Wolfgang Uhlmann of East Germany was in the lead after the sixth round with 5 points, followed by Viktor Korchnoi and David Bronstein (both of the USSR), with 4 points each. J. Kaplan (Puerto Rico), V. Hort (Czechoslovakia) and M. Taimanov (USSR) had 3½ points each.



Notice to passengers on the

## TEL AVIV — EILAT ROUTE

Today, Wednesday, January 7, 1976, the terminus of the Tel Aviv-Eilat route will be moved to Rehov Bnei Brak (between Rehov Yesod Hama'aleh and Rehov Neveh Sha'anani).

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## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## DUTCH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 1976/77

The Government of Holland will grant two scholarships to Israeli students for the academic year 1976/77. The scholarships are intended for students who have a first degree (B.A.). Preference will be given to applicants with a second degree (M.A.) and who are not over 35 years of age.

Conditions: The scholarships will be for 950 guilders (a sum sufficient to support one person), exemption from tuition fees, one-time grant of 300 guilders for miscellaneous expenses, a maximum grant of 300 guilders for purchase of books, etc., and expenses for travelling inside Holland in connection with studies.

There is no restriction on the subject to be studied.

Return fare is not covered.

Applications should be made to the Head of the Section for Foreign Relations, Ministry of Education and Culture, 34 Rehov Shviti Yisrael, Jerusalem, NO. LATER THAN JANUARY 28, 1976. Applications arriving after this date will not be considered.

The following should be attached to applications: curriculum vitae written in foreign language (English or French), photograph, certificates, studies report, description of field to be studied, two recommendations from different lecturers, and one from the employer (where applicable), details of knowledge of foreign languages. (Please give a telephone number at work or home.)



## Lisbon rulers moot plan to limit power

LISBON. — The military officers running Portugal met yesterday to discuss proposals by the country's political parties aimed at limiting the military's role in government and launching the soldiers onto the road back to their barracks.

Spokesman for the military's Supreme Revolutionary Council said these proposals had supporters among the 19 men on the council, which has legislative and executive authority. But, he said, this move would stop short of the military surrendering all power.

"Personally, I believe it is too early and that the Portuguese situation is not of the mold to permit the military to return to their barracks," Lisbon military chief Brig. Vasco Lourenço said. "But I continue to believe that the military can quit having such a concrete role in the national political activity."

As the council meeting opened, Lourenço was described as the leader of the faction favouring a limited role for the military in the future. Foreign Minister Ernesto Melo Antunes headed the faction wanting to keep the military in politics, while army chief Gen. Antonio Ramalho Eanes was said to head the group seeking a major withdrawal.

The hub of the talks was the re-negotiation of a pact the military forced the parties to sign in April, which gave the soldiers the right to retain ultimate power for the next three to five years. Under it, the Revolutionary Council had the right to veto candidates for the presidency before they were voted into office by the Legislative Assembly.

The Socialists and left-of-centre Popular Democrats have demanded that the military allow the president to be elected by popular suffrage and that the Revolutionary Council restrict itself to a consultative role under the president's direct control.

The political move came as shortages sent meat prices soaring in the markets. Shops rationed regular customers and refused to sell to strangers. At the same time, housewives complained that vegetables have suddenly doubled in price and that many dairy products have become unobtainable luxuries.

The spurt in food costs followed the government's decision to impose an extended wage freeze while letting prices rise. Among the increases were 20 to 50 per cent jumps in the cost of utilities and public transportation and a boost in fuel prices. (UPI)



Laurence Bacall rubs noses with Yul Brynner backstage at New York's Palace Theatre on Sunday where the actress went to congratulate Brynner on the premier of "Home Sweet Home," a musical based on the Homeric epic, The Odyssey, in which Brynner is starring. (AP radiophoto)

## Transport strike hits Madrid

MADRID. — An illegal holiday strike by 3,800 mass transport workers shut down the Madrid metropolitan and suburban subway systems yesterday forcing on the new post-Franco government its first big test.

Some 2,500 of the strikers, who were teargassed by police Monday night, and family members occupied the Our Lady of Luján Church to press their demands for an increase in their 15,000-peseta (\$320) per month salary and benefits.

The strike came on the "Three Kings' Day," the 12th day of Christmas and the key gift-giving holiday of the Christmas season in Spain. Nonetheless, transportation was completely disrupted in Madrid and the City Council made crisis plans to mobilize extra city buses if the strike continues today.

Labour Minister Jose Solís Ruiz, a former leader of the right-wing Falange, rushed back to Madrid by plane from a holiday resort to deal with the strike.

The Cabinet called an emergency session for last night to deal with the situation. In 1970 the late dictator Generalissimo Francisco Franco broke the last metro strike by drafting the workers into the army and then threatening them with court-martial if they did not return to work. The strike ended within 24 hours.

The new work-stoppage tested the new monarchist government of King Juan Carlos on two fronts. Practically all strikes remain illegal in Spain and it remained to be seen what action the police would take after using tear gas to break up an assembly of 2,000 of the workers Monday night.

The strike also tested the Government's pledge to hold the line on wage increases in its efforts to improve Spain's serious economic problems and fight a 15 per cent annual inflation rate. (UPI)

## Soviet deporting scientist they termed 'insane'

MOSCOW. — Officials told the wife of dissident Leonid Plyushch yesterday that her husband would be taken later this week directly to a frontier city — and then to the West — from the criminal asylum where he has been held for more than two years, a family friend said.

But the friend said Mrs. Plyushch refused to accept train tickets to Vienna for the couple, because authorities barred a family reunion at the border before they left.

The friend, Tatyana Khodovskaya, said she did not know what new steps would be taken. Travel documents issued to the Plyushchs last month will expire on Sunday.

Plyushch, 43, is a mathematician who was arrested in 1972 for alleged anti-Soviet agitation, but was never tried. Instead, he was declared a schizophrenic with "transforming ideas," and was committed to the psychiatric section of a Ukrainian prison. There, his wife claims, he has been forced to take mind-destroying drugs.

Although not Jewa, Plyushch and his wife were granted permission last month to emigrate to Israel, and Mrs. Plyushch and her sister went to the "hospital" in Dnepropetrovsk on Monday to fetch him. (UPI)

## Britain, France threaten to retaliate on Concorde ban

WASHINGTON. — Britain and France, fighting to win U.S. landing rights for their Concorde airliner, have warned that they may retaliate if the plane is blocked from the lucrative North Atlantic run. This is the toughest line yet taken by the partners in the costly supersonic airliner project.

Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency, in a sharp reversal, said on Monday that the Concorde should be banned from New York and Washington and possibly all American cities.

Deputy EPA Administrator Roger Stralow said that although the six daily supersonic transport flights sought by the British and French would have little direct impact, they would open the door to perhaps 30 a day within 12 years and cause environmental harm, fuel waste, and increased skin cancer risks.

The two countries submitted a formal document to Monday's long hearing on the Concorde called by U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman.

"Banning Concorde operations (to America) by British Airways and Air France would be widely viewed as a double standard and could lead to reciprocal limitations on U.S. suppliers and U.S. air carriers," the statement said. It added that a negative ruling would have serious political consequences in both Britain and France.

British Airways and Air France want to make four flights a day to Kennedy Airport in New York and two to Dulles Airport in Washington. The North Atlantic run is considered crucial to the success of the \$3,000 million project.

Mr. Coleman's ruling, promised for February 4, may not be the last word, since the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey controls Kennedy Airport, and New York Governor Hugh Carey said in a statement that he opposes Concorde flights there.

Senator James Buckley (Republican, N.Y.), told the hearing that the protests of 700,000 of his constituents should not be overruled just to save two or three hours of flying time in crossing the Atlantic. Senator Barry Goldwater (Republican, Arizona) said that barring the Concorde could hurt U.S. efforts to win trade concessions. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

## Indian opposition protests by boycotting parliament

NEW DELHI. — Nearly 100 opponents of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi boycotted Monday's opening of a new session of Parliament in protest against the state of emergency in force since June and the detention of 32 anti-government legislators.

During the session, opposition MPs are expected to attack Government plans for drastic constitutional changes, which could include the introduction of a presidential form of government.

The boycott was by members of six parties in opposition to the Prime Minister's ruling Congress Party. Four Indian opposition parties grouped in a single parliamentary front expect to form a single party eventually, one of the front's leaders said yesterday.

The government has not disclosed what changes it has in mind in the session.

## No word from abductors of Paris businessman

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
PARIS. — French police were last night awaiting word from a kidnapper gang who are demanding a \$3.3 million ransom for Louis Hazan, 53-year-old president and managing director of Phonogram, a leading French record firm.

Mr. Hazan, a member of Paris's Moroccan Jewish community, was grabbed by a gang of six armed men during a board meeting of his company in Paris last Wednesday. But police kept the kidnapping secret until now in order to make bargaining with the gang easier.

The gang has postponed collection of the ransom sum seven times in spite of constant telephone contact with the victim's family and business associates. Police are mystified by a number of curious aspects of the kidnapping.

Only one of the six gangsters was masked. As they bundled their prisoner into a laundry basket and carried him out of the board room, the gang leader said: "We've come to collect the balance."

Police are wondering whether Mr. Hazan might have fallen foul of an underworld blackmail operation.

This view is reinforced by the fact that \$770,000 were fraudulently transferred from the Phonogram company's account into an account opened under a bogus name last October. A few days later a bomb exploded outside the firm's offices, shattering all the windows.

Mr. Hazan, whose company is a subsidiary of Philips, talent-scouted some of France's most popular singers, including Serge Gainsbourg and Nana Mouskouri.

## Hanoi backs Sahara rebels

ALGIERS. — Gen. Vo Nguyen Glap, North Vietnam's defence minister and foremost expert on guerrilla warfare, yesterday announced Hanoi's support for the Polisario Front insurgents combating Moroccan and Mauritania troops in Spanish Sahara.

Glap, accompanied by military commanders who took part with him in the Indochina war, conferred behind closed doors with Mohammed El Quai, general secretary of the guerrillas in the territory which Spain recently surrendered to Morocco and Mauritania.

Quai said the talks concerned Polisario's strategic concept, and added it was highly significant that his movement gained support from the "hero of Dien-Bien-Phu." (UPI)

INFLATION. — The cost of living in Argentina rose by a record 334.5 per cent during 1975, the National Statistics Institute announced this week. The central bank simultaneously announced the lifting of exchange control regulations for tourists, authorising the free purchase and sale of foreign currency as from today.

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8.30—11.00 p.m.	Reports of Committees and Draft Resolutions
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## A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

### Rhodesia talks begin

SALISBURY. — Black and white negotiators yesterday began what is expected to be long, hard bargaining over Rhodesia's future. Delegations headed by Prime Minister Ian Smith, whose white government proclaimed Rhodesia independent of British rule a decade ago, and black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo assembled at a former colonial governor's mansion in the exclusive suburb of Highlands.

They met under the cloud of reports — dismissed as propaganda by the Government — that some 12,000 guerrillas loyal to the nationalist faction opposing Mr. Nkomo were poised at the Mozambique border ready to launch a devastating attack on Rhodesia. (Reuters)

### Morocco still holds Soviet ship

RABAT. — Moroccan authorities so far have turned down all demands from the Soviets to release immediately the Soviet freighter *Seydlitz* seized by Moroccan naval boats on gun-running charges, diplomats sources said yesterday.

The ship is still under guard at Agadir, the southern port where it was ordered to put up Saturday after being flagged down by a Moroccan navy gunboat, the sources said.

Soviet consular officials have been authorized to visit the crew, however.

The Moroccan authorities intercepted the ship on suspicion that it carried a cargo of weapons for the Polisario Front insurgents combating against Moroccan forces in the former Spanish Sahara since its annexation by Morocco and Mauritania. (UPI)

### Brazilian crackdown

BRASILIA. — Brazil's right-wing military government removed two legislators from office on Monday for allegedly having links with the outlawed Communist Party.

President Ernesto Geisel annulled the mandates and suspended political rights for 10 years of Federal Deputy Marcelo Gatto and Sao Paulo State Deputy Nelson Fabiano, both members of the only legal opposition party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement.

Geisel acted under special extra-constitutional powers granted by Brazil's Institutional Act. (UPI)

### Turkish-Czech accord

ANKARA. — Turkey and Czechoslovakia yesterday signed a new agreement for expansion of economic ties and fuelling Ankara's growing warmth towards its former cold war enemies.

The accord, covering economic, scientific, technical and industrial cooperation, was signed by Premier Suleyman Demirel and Lubomir Strougal, the first Czechoslovak Prime Minister to visit Turkey.

A joint statement said the agreement foresaw expanded trade between the ideologically-opposed countries and Czechoslovak help for Turkey to build power stations, machinery and precision tools. (Reuters)

### Japanese want islands back

TOKYO. — Prime Minister Takeo Miki said on Monday that conclusion of a peace treaty with the Soviet Union depends on return to Japan of four northern Pacific islands seized by the Soviets after World War II.

Miki also said he hoped a peace and friendship treaty with China would be signed within the year.

He made the statements at a news conference four days before Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was scheduled to arrive for talks with Japanese leaders on a Russo-Japanese peace pact.

Foreign Ministry officials have expressed pessimism about the outcome of the negotiations. They feel Russia will try to use the territorial issue to exert influence over Japan during her negotiations to conclude a peace treaty with China. (UPI)

### Kennedy tells Mom he won't run

BOSTON. — Senator Edward Kennedy has sought to allay his mother's fears that political pressures might force him to break his promise against seeking the presidency this year.

The last of the Kennedy brothers said through his press secretary, Ed Martin, that there were no political circumstances that would make him switch his vow against running for president.

His 85-year-old mother, Mrs. Rose Kennedy, had been quoted in an interview as saying that "pressures" might force him to seek the office. (Reuters)

### Avalanche kills 14 in Turkey

ANKARA. — At least 14 persons died in eastern Turkey yesterday when an avalanche engulfed one house and heavy snow-storms brought others crashing down on their inhabitants, the state-owned radio said.

Near the town of Bitlis, 10 persons died and seven were injured when the avalanche struck early yesterday morning.

Heavy snowstorms 350 kms. to the west of Bitlis crushed houses in a village, killing four people, the radio said. (Reuters)

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## Tiny Albania worried by dependence on China

By MARTIN BAILEY

ALBANIA AND CHINA, one of the tiny Balkan states a little larger than Wales and the other the giant of Asia, are certainly an unlikely pair. But the geographical barrier that separates them has been bridged by their common hostility towards the Soviet Union.

Indeed Albania only survived Moscow's economic blockade during the early 1960s because of support from its Eastern ally. There is a certain irony in the fact that China, which was under European domination earlier this century, has already developed to such an extent that it has no difficulty in propping up a European nation.

Two-thirds of Albania's trade is with its Asian ally. This represents an enormous proportion with a single trading partner, particularly one that is 25,000 km away by sea. Overdependence on Chinese goods — ranging from Double Happiness toilet paper to the most sophisticated electronic equipment — is undoubtedly causing considerable concern to the planners in Tirana, the capital.

Albania has also received several hundred million pounds in aid from China since the early 1960s. More, in fact, than any other country outside South-east Asia. For a tiny country with a population of less than 2½ million people this aid has represented a massive sum.

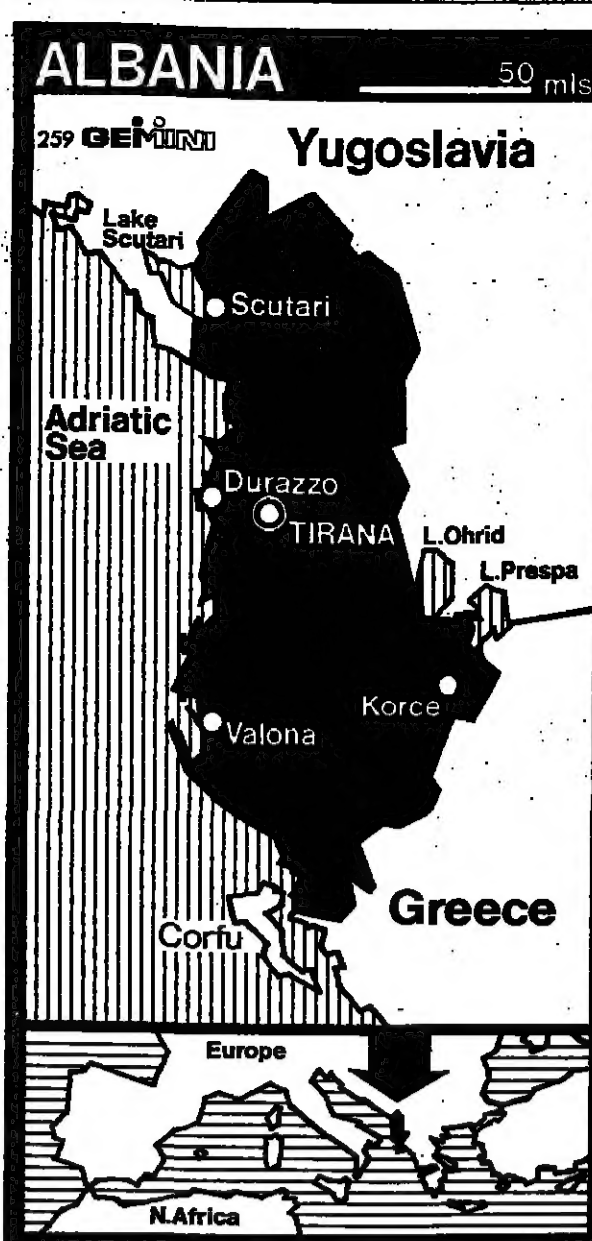
Chinese technicians in Albania are mainly working on setting up industrial plants and they train their local counterparts to take over as soon as possible. I visited a dozen factories in Albania and around three-quarters of the equipment seemed to have been imported from China. But never once did I see a single Chinese technician still at work in any of these factories.

During the 1950s, when the tiny state was dependent on Soviet aid, there was much dissatisfaction with the behaviour of Russian experts. Albanians still recall the story of the engineer from Moscow who demanded a salary four times that of their President. In contrast, the austerity that the Chinese way of life, along with their dedicated approach to work, is certainly appreciated.

Over a hundred Mig jet fighters supplied by the Chinese stand ready to protect the country's borders. Albania, squeezed between the NATO and Warsaw Pact nations, is dangerously exposed. But China, in many ways, is a perfect ally: powerful enough to intimidate any country with designs on Albanian territory, while being too distant to intervene in the country's internal affairs.

Albania's policies — hostile observers often claim — have become a carbon copy of its Chinese master. There are many similarities in the attitudes of the two governments. Both nations are ruled by communist parties with a Marxist-Leninist stand.

Apart from Cambodia, Albania is the only other country in the world that refuses to establish



diplomatic relations with either super-power. A tiny Balkan nation can afford the luxury of standing aloof; China, on the other hand, is a world power and consequently must maintain relations with other world powers.

Albanians I spoke with admitted there were important differences between their foreign policy and that of their Chinese comrades. But, I was told, this only went to show that Tirana is no satellite of Peking.

Reports over the last few years have suggested that the Albanians are worried by the Sino-American rapprochement and the welcoming of U.S. Presidents to Peking. The fear is that China might become less interested in its European ally as it improves ties with the Western world.

Albania has been quietly developing its relations with its Balkan neighbours, Yugoslavia and Greece, and this may have been partly prompted by a realization that her lifeline from Peking could be weakened by changes in Chinese policy.

## WASHINGTON INSIGHT

JOSEPH KRAFT

## Ford in knockdown fight for nomination

MANY AMERICANS would dearly love to see the fight between President Ford and Gov. Reagan end in a double knockout. The Republican nomination would then go to somebody better qualified to be President and less identified with the party's right wing.

But though such leaders clearly exist, the interplay of circumstance and personality works against them. On the Republican side this is not the year for new faces.

The hope that another candidate might emerge rests chiefly on the model of what happened in the Democratic Party in 1952 and 1968. In 1952, President Truman, after doing poorly against Estes Kefauver in the New Hampshire primary, withdrew from contention, thus opening the way to the nomination of Adlai Stevenson. In 1968, after doing poorly against Gene McCarthy in New Hampshire, President Johnson quit the race, leaving a void which Hubert Humphrey eventually filled.

But the situation this year is entirely different. Presidents Truman and Johnson had each made history and won satisfying electoral victories on their own. Neither was fully committed to running again, and by bowing out they acted to advance their standing in history.

Mr. Ford, in sharp contrast, has been in the White House only a little more than a year. He has not won an election on his own, nor has he achieved a record to boast of. He has committed himself fully and repeatedly to seeking the nomination. So all aspects of his present condition work to hold him in the race.

That condition is reinforced by personal considerations. Mr. Ford is more accustomed to taking punishment than any other leading figure in American politics. His part of the Republican Party, the Republicans of the Midwest, have been steadily losing control of their districts and states. It is typical that Mr. Ford's congressional seat, on his becoming vice-president, went to a Democrat. Equally that the seat of his closest political adviser, Melvin Laird of Wisconsin, also went to a Democrat.

As Minority Leader in the House, moreover, Mr. Ford went down to

defeat after defeat after defeat on most of the issues closest to his heart. But he has been able to surmount all these setbacks.

His political history is the history of a man who reached supreme power by hanging in there. So there is every reason to believe that he will stay in the fight for the nomination, even if he does suffer defeat in some of the early primaries.

Still another drag on the third-man possibility is the condition of the Republican progressives. Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, the acknowledged leader of that pack, has been caught up in the chronic hangup of his family — the hang-up between doing good and taking power.

If he were committed to doing good, he would undermine his own differences with President Ford, and throw his patronage and support to another, younger Republican qualified for the presidency. That man is the Republican most forthright in asserting the weakness of the Ford administration and the dangers of the Republican right — Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland.

But the Vice-President has not abandoned his own hopes for the White House. His leading political adviser keeps telling him that President Ford will be knocked out in the early running, leaving the way

open for him to pick up the torch. So Mr. Rockefeller, despite truly outrageous treatment and serious policy differences, stays on as a leading Ford supporter.

To be sure, there does exist another third-man possibility. John Connally, the former Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of Texas, is casting around for re-entry to the board of presidential politics. But having switched parties only in 1972, he is still regarded with suspicion by many Republicans. Moreover, though he beat the rap, he still has to live with a very recent indictment of taking bribes.

So Mr. Connally's best bet is to try to position himself to tip the race decisively for either the President or Mr. Reagan. As kingmaker, and perhaps vice-president, he would be back in the game. In that connection, it is worth noting that in his secret White House meeting with President Ford on February 10 of last year, Mr. Connally said his interest in the presidency was for 1980, not 1976.

What all this suggests to me is that 1976 is the year of the "Third Man Blues" in the Republican Party. All the signs indicate a long, drawn-out, bitter head-to-head fight, which will take Ford and Reagan down to the wire in the fashion of the Eisenhower Taft battle of 1952.

## Britons, Israeli held in Milan currency case

MILAN. — Former British speedway star Split Waterman and a British companion have been arrested, with an Israeli, on charges of bringing 52.4 million forged pesetas into Italy, police said yesterday.

Arrested with 52-year-old Waterman, whose full name is Francis Squire Waterman, were Gerald Stacey, 38, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Leon Weiss, 41, of Tel Aviv, police added.

Waterman and the others were arrested on December 23 following a raid by customs police on two hotel rooms and a British-registered car in which the Britons had driven to Milan.

Besides the pesetas, police seized a number of government bonds of Chad, in West Africa. (Reuters)

## Viets stamping out crime, 'obscenity'

BANGKOK. — South Vietnamese authorities have launched a large-scale anti-crime drive which already has resulted in the arrest of about 1,000 persons in Saigon and the imposition of a few death sentences, recent broadcasts from North and South Vietnam say.

In a related development, a recent Radio Hanoi broadcast made available yesterday announced that over the past six months, about 7,000 soldiers and personnel of the former regime have been tracked down or urged to rally in South Vietnam's central highlands.

The anti-crime drive in Saigon has been directed against "ruffians, thieves, robbers, hoodlums, thugs, gambling-house owners, brothel owners, pimps and drug addicts" and others who have "continued to spread the venom of the decadent, obscene U.S. culture," one broadcast said.

Of those recently arrested, 50 per cent were soldiers and officers of the fallen regime "who had evaded reform study courses," the broadcast said. (AP)

## 'Longest ever' U.S. airline strike ends

MIAMI. — Flight attendants have voted to accept a contract that they rejected two months earlier and ended a 126-day strike against National Airlines. It was one of the longest airline strikes in U.S. history.

The airline, grounded since the walkout began on September 1, prepared to resume limited operations today. The strike by the 1,200-member Association of Flight Attendants had forced the layoff of more than 6,000 employees. They will return to work within 30 days, an airline spokesman said. (AP)

## Costello, former Irish PM, at 84

DUBLIN. — Former Irish Prime Minister John A. Costello died of cancer in a Dublin hospital on Monday. He was 84.

Costello, a lawyer, was Prime Minister from 1948 to 1951 and from 1954 to 1957. He was leader of the opposition in the intervening years and again from 1957 to 1959 — when he retired from active politics.

Costello repealed the External Relations Act in 1949, taking Ireland out of the British Commonwealth and establishing it as a Republic. (UPI)

## South Korea wins soccer cup

South Korea narrowly edged Burma in Bangkok on Sunday to win the King's Cup soccer tournament for the third consecutive time. The Koreans scored the only tally of the match in the 20th minute.

For the remainder of the match they concentrated mostly on beating off determined Burmese attacks on their citadel.

The Koreans won all their five matches in the tournament, and now take the trophy for the sixth time in the eight years it is being contested.

Israel is drawn against South Korea in its opening pre-Olympic match.

## Let well enough alone

RUBBER BRIDGE players are often inclined to push too hard and do not let well enough alone, as witness today's two deals as played by Colman of Tel Aviv.

Deal 1  
N-S Vul.  
NORTH  
♠ 9 8 5 5 3  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ A 5 3  
WEST  
♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ A K 7  
♦ A K 7  
♣ Q 7  
Colman SOUTH  
♠ A 10 9 7 4 3  
♥ 6  
♦ J 10 9 8 4 3  
♣ 6

The bidding:  
NORTH SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass Pass 1NT Pass  
2♠ Pass 2♠ Pass  
3♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
4♠ All Pass

West ignored a basic principle. He should not have doubled two spades because he could be less certain of setting a higher level contract by his opponents. He did not let well enough alone.

He first played the diamond ace to take a look at the dummy. Then in order to lessen the declarer's opportunities to trump spades he led the club queen to the king and ace. East returned a club. Declarer thus lost only two spades, (he was able to trump one in the dummy), one diamond and one club, making his contract. In spades declarer could very easily have been set by being forced at every opportunity to ruff in diamonds and hearts.

Deal 2  
Love All

NORTH  
♠ A Q  
♥ 10 9 5 4  
♦ A 3  
♣ A Q 7 5  
WEST  
♠ 8 5 4 3  
♥ 6  
♦ 10 7 6 5  
♣ K J 9 8  
Colman SOUTH (D)  
♠ J 6  
♥ K 8 7 5 3  
♦ K 5  
♣ 5 4 3 2

GEORGE LEVINREW

## British Communist Party hits Kremlin on policies

By MARK SEGAL

JERUSALEM Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — The British Communist Party has recently criticised the Soviet Union — including its attitude towards Jews and dissidents — and thus joined other western Communist parties which have been seeking socialism in their own way.

The dissent came in an article by John Gollan, who retired from the party leadership last year, in the ideological journal "Marxism Today."

On the whole Gollan found praise for the Brezhnev government's performance but stressed that "dissent is in itself an aspect of democracy... a vicious circle develops when a writer is barred from publishing at home and abroad... and also runs foul of the law when publishing in the unofficial samizdat journals."

While rejecting Solzhenitsyn and Sakharov as "reactionaries," Gollan wrote: "Our Party has repeatedly

argued that such views should be dealt with politically, but not by legal action, expulsions from the country, or confinement in psychiatric institutions."

Referring to the Jews, Gollan wrote, "there are remnants of anti-Semitism despite its official condemnation, and there is reason for concern that those who are guilty appear not to be charged in accordance with Soviet Law." He added: "The harassment of Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel has not helped."

The article has drawn attention, although this is not the first time that British Communists have dissented from the Kremlin line. Although small, the party is regarded as one of the more independent minded in the West. The timing of the criticism — not long before the day when the Soviet Party Congress convenes, is regarded as significant here.

## Third World to demand action from energy talks

PARIS. — Third World diplomats readying here a common plank for vital world economic talks with the industrialized bloc here on February 11, plan to demand firm guarantees. The talks will not be a mere diplomatic exercise, but will lead to positive decisions, conference sources said yesterday.

The delegates, in their second day of meetings, were working on instructions for the four commissions established at a December meeting which became known as the North-South dialogue between Third World nations and delegates from the U.S.-led industrial bloc.

The delegates from the oil-producing and developing countries are scheduled to meet here for at least a week to iron out specific instructions for each of the four commissions covering energy, raw materials, financial aid and development.

Algeria, Venezuela and most of other delegations in the 19-nation group of developing countries which will negotiate on behalf of the Third World are anxious to make sure the result of the so-

called North-South dialogue will not be one more ineffectual piece of paper, the sources here said yesterday.

Meeting behind closed doors in the heavily-guarded international conference centre under Manuel Perez-Guerrero, the Venezuelan Minister for International Economic Relations, the Third World countries were reported to be certain of approving a common negotiating position for the start of the actual negotiations next month.

"Most delegations feel the industrialized nations should give a pledge that the results of our coming talks will produce tangible solutions to reshape and restructure the current world economic structure. The latter is heavily tipped in favour of the rich nations," a delegate said.

Led by Algeria, the bulk of Third World delegations here feel that one of the achievements of the coming North-South dialogue should be indexation of the prices of raw materials including oil, the basic revenue-earning exports of most southern hemisphere countries.

(UPI)

## Florida gunmen 'will strike again'

ORLANDO, Florida. — Central Florida authorities said on Monday they are faced with only one certainty in their manhunt for masked terrorists responsible for a nine-month-long binge of murder, rape, torture and robbery — the gunmen will strike again.

Jeff Monge, a Florida detective in charge of coordinating the investigation, said, "I am afraid we'll have to operate on the assumption they will continue these attacks until they are caught."

Since April, the terrorists have

invaded 14 rural homes in five central Florida counties in a spree of robbery and torture that has left two men and a woman dead.

Along the way, they have also raped three women, tossed two housewives off bridges and poured drain cleaner in the eyes of another female victim.

They struck twice over the New Year's weekend, killing one man and raping his wife in Polk City, and ransacking another home near Orlando on Saturday.

## Frosts threaten Soviet winter crops

MOSCOW. — Lack of vital snow cover and sharp frosts are posing an early problem for Soviet farmers intent on bringing in a good harvest of winter grain, western experts said yesterday.

They said Soviet weather reports indicated that the snow cover, need-

ed to protect against frost, was below average in several of the main winter grain areas.

Following last year's harvest failure, Soviet farmers have been exhorted to ensure the highest possible yield from this year's crop. (Reuters)

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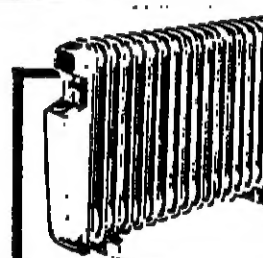
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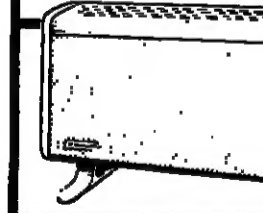
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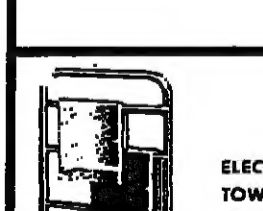
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## EYES ON WASHINGTON

A GREAT DEAL is at stake in the talks being held by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on strategy for the Middle East debate opening in the Security Council next Monday. The outcome of the talks may well decide whether the formula hammered out by the Council for peace negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbours will be kept intact, even at the cost of another American veto, or whether it will be destroyed through appeasement. The outcome may also determine whether cooperation between Jerusalem and Washington will be sustained in a mood of mutual confidence, or whether it will collapse into mistrust and bitterness.

Mr. Allon's first task will no doubt be to assess the precise meaning which the U.S. now attaches to its commitment, made in the "memorandum of understanding" of September 1, to "oppose and, if necessary, to veto any initiative in the Security Council to alter adversely the terms of reference of the Geneva Peace Conference or to change Resolutions 242 and 338 in ways which are incompatible with their original purpose." There is some indication that the U.S. and Israel do not see entirely eye-to-eye on what would be an "adverse" alteration of the Geneva terms of reference, and on what constitutes the "original purpose" of Resolutions 242 and 338.

As viewed from Jerusalem, and as the record shows, the original purpose of the two resolutions was to provide guidelines for solving the Arab-Israeli conflict strictly within the framework of the Middle Eastern state system as it existed before June 4, 1967. A wholly new set of relationships was to be established between the states concerned, to be sure, and permanent boundaries were to be drawn up which, unlike the old armistice lines, would be "secure and recognized." But it was the unambiguous intention of the Council, in giving unanimous assent to both resolutions, spaced as they were six years apart, that peace would be made by, and between, the states that had previously made war. The proposition that the "heart" of the conflict was the problem of the Palestinians, and that settlement could not therefore be assured except through the establishment of a new Palestinian state, was not accepted. Clearly, it could not coexist with the language of 242 and 338.

The Palestinian proposition was brought up by the Arab states in the General Assembly, as a means of undermining and destroying 242, and later 338, even while, in some instances, paying lip service to both resolutions. The Arab political campaign, punctuated by supportive terrorist atrocities, for an Assembly endorsement of inalienable Palestinian rights, was not designed to fill up any void inadvertently left by the Council. The idea was rather to void 242 and 338 of all meaning.

The intended beneficiary of this campaign, the PLO, has naturally enough been the fiercest opponent of 242 and 338. It was not, after all, in order to establish itself by Israel's side that the PLO had raised its banner back in 1964, but in order to put an end to Israel's sovereign existence. There is no conceivable — at least, no logical — way of reconciling the Palestinian Covenant with the Council's Resolutions.

This, however, is the price that the U.S. has recently set on the PLO's legitimization as a partner in the Middle East political process, eventually including the Geneva Conference. As stated, for example, by Mr. Harold Saunders in his report to the Congress last November, this does not require the PLO to renounce the Covenant; but it does require the terror organization to accept 242 and 338, and to recognize Israel.

Can the PLO do it and still remain itself? The "Rejection Front" claims that it cannot, but the PLO's Establishment has apparently been won over to the Soviet idea that it can. Let the PLO simply underwrite "all relevant UN resolutions," as did the Security Council itself, with U.S. concurrence, in calling for next week's debate. The American condition would thereby be met, while the PLO could still assure its own members that the Assembly's pro-PLO and anti-Zionist texts overrule, and override, the Council's resolutions, and that the ultimate goal is in no way affected. And with legitimacy thus gained for the PLO, the U.S. would have no good reason to oppose — let alone veto — a seemingly innocuous "addition" to 242 and 338, proclaiming the necessity to satisfy "legitimate Palestinian interests."

Pressure for acceptance of this kind of formula is likely to come from America's new-found allies, the Egyptians, whose difference with the Syrians on the Palestinian issue is largely tactical and not strategic.

Hopefully, the U.S. will not allow itself to stumble into this trap. For the result would be the violent ruination of Resolutions 242 and 338, and the end of any prospect of achieving a solution by means of the Geneva Conference. Such a forced marriage of opposites — peace and the PLO — could only breed havoc.

## ISRAEL PRESS

### Moderation needed over Timna

HA'ARETZ (independent) says that a town cannot act like a shop committee. The shutdown of the mines is an economic necessity, because IL250m. (the projected loss over the next few years) is too much to pay for subsidizing the jobs of 700 workers, and alternate employment is available for most of them anyway. Moderation is called for on both sides in an attempt to seek reasonable and realistic solutions. DAVAR (Histadrut) says the problem is what will happen to the nearby town of Eilat, many of whose breadwinners are employed at the mine. "No one denies that continued operation of the mines would involve the loss of tens of millions of pounds a year. This is not the result of poor management or labour problems but of the drop in copper prices internationally. "Eilat and its inhabitants, however, cannot be treated merely as economic statistics, and the shutdown of the town Monday in protest was therefore justified. Plans must be drawn up and implemented at

once for alternate sources of employment. The workers to be laid off must be assured that alternate skilled and well-paying jobs eventually await them, even if they may have to make do with other employment temporarily. EIZOF (National Religious) blames the Government for not consulting beforehand with those to be affected, and not providing in advance for alternate sources of employment, such preparation would have eased the transition and indeed should have been made as soon as the drop in copper prices became evident. AL HANISHMAR (Mapam) says the Government's decision was unwise. In the past, too, important State enterprises such as the Dead Sea Works, experienced temporary financial trouble but today they form the backbone of the nation's economy. Moreover, when the copper prices rise again, it will be hard to reactivate the mines, for the skilled workers will have long since departed.

## VALUE ADDED TAX — WHAT'S NEW?

Value Added Tax will be introduced in the near future, and the Customs and Excise Department is publishing background information, details and current announcements on the new tax, in a series of special notices.

These notices will be open to questions from the public, which will be answered by the Customs and Excise Department.

The notices will appear in *The Jerusalem Post* twice a week, on Page 7.

## VIEWPOINT

"WHEN THE COMPUTERS take over, it will be a sad day for the development areas," a kibbutz friend once said to me. His kibbutz is in Galilee, but his warning holds equally true today for Eilat. The Ministerial Economic Committee's decision to close down the Timna copper mines was ill-considered and short-sighted, and it is to be hoped that it will hold to the reversal now promised.

Let me say right at the start that I do not propose to tell my readers where the IL250m. a year it will cost to keep the mines open is to come from. I am confident that it can be found from a national budget about a thousand times as big. Eilat is certainly as important as any settlement on the Golan Heights or in the Jordan Valley.

Israel has not been built up according to strict economic principles. For example, millions of pounds were poured into the Dead Sea potash works in Sodom, which ran at a considerable loss for 19 years. Today DSW is making a handsome profit; but its existence is not justified by the fact that its balance sheet has gone from red to black. The money could probably have been made more easily by putting up a casino in Tel Aviv. The vindication of the Dead Sea Works is the existence of the flourishing towns of Beersheba, Dimona and Arad. Beersheba has, of course,

# Timna must be kept open

By AKIVA RON

diverse sources of employment today, and even Dimona and Arad depend less on the potash plant than they once did; but the success story of the three towns is due in no small measure to the fact that much of the money poured into the Dead Sea Works was spent in them. Whether Timna can ever be as profitable as DSW is today is not the point: the point is Eilat.

AN OLD EILAT joke runs: "Everyone in Eilat either has worked, is working, or will work in Timna." David Ben-Gurion used to say: "Timna may never support itself, but it will support Eilat." In fact the days are gone when the Red Sea town is entirely dependent on the copper mine. Today tourism is the largest single employer in Eilat, and the port is next in line; but Timna's impact on the town is still considerable.

Seven hundred men work at Timna and this may not sound much out of a population of 16,000. But remember that we are talking about 700 breadwinners, representing 3,500-4,000 souls. Add to that another 1,500 who provide these people with ser-

vices — shops, schools, kindergartens, medical facilities and the like — and you can easily see that almost a third of the town is affected by the closure of the mine.

It must be further emphasized that the Timna workers have an economic and social impact on the town out of all proportion to their numbers. Although I am told that the port workers are Eilat's top wage-earners, the Timna employees have been earning well and they contribute a very large proportion of the money spent in the town. It is they who visit the hotels, eat in the restaurants and spend evenings in the night-clubs, keeping them open when tourism lags. Hoteliers, restaurateurs, guides and diving instructors are characteristically transient. They come and go as the whim (or the profitability) takes them; but in Timna, Eilat had a reservoir of solid permanent citizens.

It is easy to say lightly that some families may have to leave Eilat. But do people living in

Jerusalem or Tel Aviv realize the human effort (let alone the financial cost) of moving a family to a development town? A man doesn't just wake up in the morning and decide to go to Eilat. He has to make agonising decisions, uprooting himself from his work, his family and his friends. When he has convinced himself, he must convince his wife, who is often even more reluctant to leave her social milieu. He has to worry about his children's future: will he be depriving them of a fair chance in life by going into the outback? Will they have good schooling and a fruitful social life?

Despite all this, and despite its distance from the centre of the country, Eilat has proved its attractiveness. No immigrants have been directed there in more than a decade. There is no immigrant absorption centre there. Israelis have gone south of their own free will because Eilat is a success, a modest success so far, but with plenty to offer. Once people start leaving in significant numbers (there have always been people leaving, but this was balanced by those arriving), it will need in-

describable efforts to restore the situation. The effort that will be required to attract a family to Eilat to replace one which leaves cannot be measured in balance sheet terms.

THE MINISTERIAL Economic Committee must stand by its revised decision. It is no good offering the Timna workers employment building a new airfield or digging oil reservoirs. These are temporary jobs. A substitute must be found for Timna and, until it is, the copper mine must be kept open.

Development towns in Israel work on the principle of the vicious circle or the multiplier effect. Yeruham, in the eastern Negev, with a population of 7,000, is an example of the former: it is not a success, so people do not come there, so it becomes even less successful, so people leave. Beersheba is the best example of the latter: it is successful, so it attracts people to come, which makes it yet more successful, attracting yet more people. Until now, Eilat, despite its very special problems, could be modestly described as a mini-Beersheba. If the Timna mines close, I am very much afraid it could become another Yeruham, and this could cost Israel a great deal more than IL250m. a year.

The writer is a long-time resident of a Negev development town.

# Israel's distorted image

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

as Deputy Premier and Leader of the House of Commons, Edward Short, MP. Even President Sadat went so far as to reveal, at his press conference during his recent visit to London, that Wilson had intervened in the interim agreement negotiations because of his good relations with Israel's leaders.

### Flow of VIPs

Undoubtedly this friendship is enhanced by the constant flow of VIPs between the two countries. This will reach a new height — it is hoped — following the scheduled official visits of the two Prime Ministers in the spring, preceded by that of Mrs. Thatcher.

OFFICIAL SENTIMENTS at Prime Minister and Labour Party level are one thing. Foreign Office activities are another, although on such matters of principle as the anti-Zionist resolution, Britain's UN delegate lined up with the other Western democracies. However, it was the same UN delegate, Ivor Richards, who made the scathing attack on U.S. Ambassador to the UN Patrick Moynihan, for his outspoken remarks on the Afro-Asian and Arab delegates' behaviour. Many people here are still convinced that Richards was prompted to make his speech by Foreign Secretary Callaghan, act-

ing in concert with U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Kissinger.

While the British delegate did vote against inviting the PLO to the Security Council, there are signs indicating support inside the Foreign Office for the Saunders document. After all, the Foreign Office sidestepped the Home Office and granted entry visas to the PLO delegates to the conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

In fact, the PLO representative in Britain, Said Hammami, is intensifying his activities here. Admittedly he has no official status as far as the government is concerned. Unlike the Health government, the Labour government, largely due to Wilson, has not blindly followed the French lead at the UN. In the recent UN Middle East vote, the EEC bloc split. France and Italy took a pro-Arab line and Britain voted with Germany, the Dutch and the Danes for a more balanced view.

IN RECENT WEEKS, Israel's image has been presented in the press in distorted fashion — partly due to deliberate editorial policy to highlight negative sides of Israeli life, and partly due to the nature of reports emanating from Israel. Thus the shaky position of Israel's economy has been described in a series of articles in the "Sunday Times" and other weeklies, while the fact that emigration is equalling, if not topping, immigration, has provided constant material for the newspapers. The "Guardian," for example, has printed gloomy prognoses about Israel's future that undoubtedly warmed the hearts of Israel's enemies.

Many of the reports coming out of Israel tend to confuse our friends here, above all the Jewish community, which on the whole remains totally committed to Israel, but many of whose members are deeply concerned at the news reaching them. This is mainly due to the lack of proper explanations, or

rather of the timing — as in the case of the raids on Lebanon.

What upsets Israeli friends and British Jews most are the reports of the darker side of Israeli society. These include the flight of the American Jewish immigrant family from Mevasseret Zion, stories of protection rackets and spread of violence even on the football field.

What one does see here is a waste of the few resources we have in the face of the near unlimited means of the Arabs and their friends in Britain. There is no coordination of information activities, with the result that reaction is invariably late. For example, when the Arabs and their leftist friends banned Jewish students from a rally at the University of Strathclyde's Students' Union because "all Jewish students are Zionists and would thus threaten our rally," I found no one ready to furnish an immediate reaction. "Such matters," I was told, "have to be decided by the right kind of committee." Now I learn that the Jewish students at the Scottish college are planning to take legal action (under the Race Relations Act) in the face of strong disapproval from the official communal bodies who prefer to act discreetly.

### Arab propaganda

Actually, the Strathclyde incident served to bring some measure of life to Jewish students, most of whom are usually hesitant to take any clear stand. In addition they are being pushed to do something in the face of massive Arab propaganda at the universities by the tiny Israeli Students Association.

Two other examples come to mind of the improper use here of limited resources. The first is the spending of thousands of pounds (sterling) on the publication of an expensive magazine by the British JNF, largely devoted to "ego message" of local functionaries, instead of

combining the JNF propaganda outlet with the official Zionist weekly — "The Jewish Observer and Middle East News" — of which it was originally a part. The second characteristic example was when the Israeli trade delegation, led by Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, was here. No one saw fit to interest any of the radio and TV networks in interviewing Kamal Mansour, the senior Druse official at the Ministry. He could have presented the positive side of the life of minority communities in Israel, who are being presented as "victims of Zionism" in so many newspapers.

Furthermore, there is little coordination between the various organizations bringing top speakers here. I have heard innumerable complaints from Jewish youth leaders and Zionist youth movement heads that too often Israeli VIPs refuse to address youth rallies. They compare Golda Meir and the late Pinhas Sapir (who were both always ready to meet even small circles of youth) with Haim Bar-Lev and Abba Eban who refused to address youth rallies during their visits here.

The results of years of left-wing propaganda from the World Zionist Organization's Information Department and the "new left obsession" in its Youth and Hehalutz Department could be seen at last week-end's conference of the Union of Jewish Students and in general in the activities of the London-based World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS).

The Union of Jewish Students' conference adopted a key resolution, reading: "We recognise the right of Israel to exist and also of the Palestinian people to an independent state. This right is not negated by the PLO's activities..."

When one delegate asked why the conference should include mention of the terrorist organization in its resolution, he was shouted down.

It may interest Israeli readers to know that the latest Bulletin of the Union of Jewish Students contains the following assertion: "We do admit with regret that the creation of Israel caused some injustice to the Palestinian Arabs..."

## READERS' LETTERS

### 'GIVING AWAY' THE TEMPLE MOUNT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — According to your report of December 26, Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek asserted: "The Arabs today have absolute and practical possession of (the Temple Mount)." He is also reported as saying that the fact that Jews are forbidden by their own religion to rebuild the Temple on the Temple Mount until the arrival of the Messiah opened the way for a long-term compromise in Jerusalem.

If Mr. Kollek is actually waiting for the Messiah, then there can be no "long-term compromise" because those who do so await his appearance daily.

The fact that we cannot, unfor-

tunately, build our Temple today by no means justifies giving away "practically and absolutely" the site holiest to the Jewish people. What is actually called for is the moral and spiritual upgrading of our society so that we can create the proper environment in which the Temple could be rebuilt.

What right does Mr. Kollek have to give away something that is not his, and, definitely, not his alone? I think there are many people here who will not stand for any compromise because, on this issue, there is no room for compromise.

DAVID RAAB

Kiron, December 28.

### ANA PAUKER

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — With reference to David Krivine's article about Ana Pauker (December 26), may I point out that she was not sentenced by Antonescu's fascist regime in 1938, but by the so-called national liberal regime during King Carol's reign (Antonescu came to power in September 1940).

The Soviets annexed Bessarabia only in July 1940, and Ana Pauker

was exchanged not for an Iron Guard veteran, but for a Bessarabian nationalist, who incidentally was the former Iron Guard leader's namesake.

Haifa, December 29.

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